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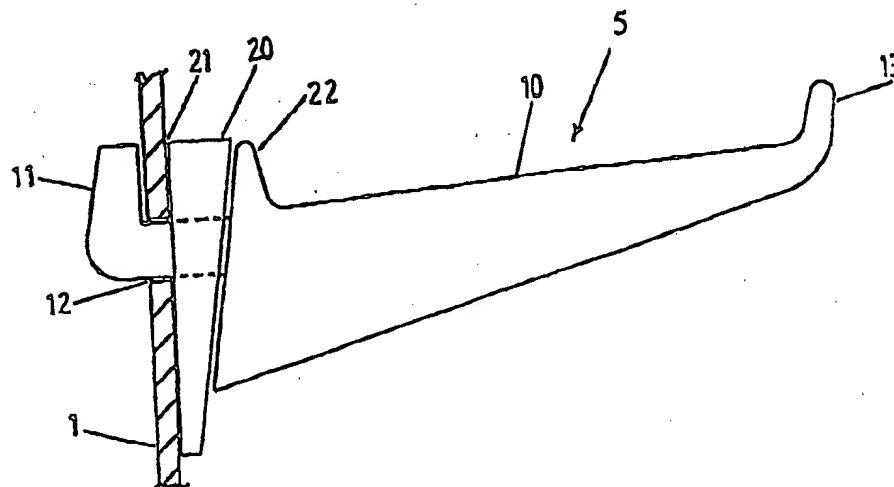
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## (57) Abstract

A bracket device for attachment to a thin walled section (1) comprises: a main member (5) having an operating member (10), and an attachment hook (11) extending from a proximal end (22) of the operating member (10) which in use engages with the thin walled section (1), and a locking wedge (20) associated with the attachment hook (11) which slides in relation to the attachment hook (11) to a locking position to create a reaction force between the attachment hook (11) and the thin walled section (1).



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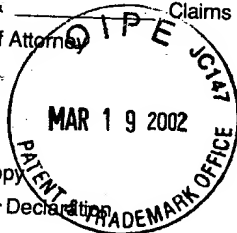


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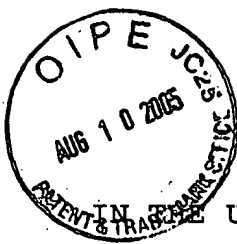
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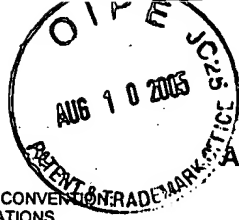
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